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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Irma AISPURO (1),

Jennifer VASQUEZ (2),

Defendants.

Magistrate Case No.:

'08 MJ 84 96

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF

21 U.S.C. § 952 and 960

Importation of a Controlled Substance

(Felony)

The undersigned complainant being duly sworn states:

On or about June 1, 2008, within the Southern District of California, defendants Irma AISPURO and Jennifer VASQUEZ did knowingly and intentionally import approximately 18.32 kilograms (40.30 pounds) of marijuana, a Schedule I Controlled Substance, into the United States from a place outside thereof, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 and 960.

The complainant states that this complaint is based on the attached Statement of Facts incorporated herein by reference.

  
Special Agent  
U. S. Immigration & Customs  
Enforcement

SWORN TO, BEFORE ME, AND SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE THIS 3<sup>rd</sup>  
DAY OF JUNE, 2008.

  
PETER C. LEWIS  
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2 v.

3 Irma AISPURO (1)

4 Jennifer VASQUEZ (2)

5 STATEMENT OF FACTS

6 This complaint is based upon the personal observations, investigation and  
7 information provided to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Special Agent  
8 Douglas Struckmeyer.

9 On June 1, 2008, Irma AISPURO and Jennifer VASQUEZ entered the United  
10 States at the Calexico, California, West Port of Entry. AISUPRO was the driver and  
11 VASQUEZ was the passenger of a 2002 Ford Focus registered to another person.  
12 Customs and Border Protection Officer (CBPO) F. Lopez took a negative Customs  
13 declaration from AISPURO and VASQUEZ. AISPURO told CBPO Lopez that she had  
14 entered Mexico to attend a family reunion and that she travelled to Mexico every  
15 weekend. This claim was not consistent with the crossing history on the vehicle that  
16 she was driving. CBPO Lopez noticed that during the primary inspection, AISPURO  
17 was avoiding eye contact with him. Based on his observations, CBPO Lopez referred  
18 the vehicle and both subject to the secondary inspection area for further inspection.  
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20 CBPO J. Ibarra encountered the AISPURO and VASQUEZ in the secondary  
21 inspection area. CBPO Ibarra received a negative Customs declaration from  
22 AISPURO. During a brief interview of AISPURO and VASQUEZ, CBPO Ibarra  
23 observed that the two females continued to talk to each other in order to avoid  
24 interaction with him.  
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26 CBPO Ibarra requested that Canine Enforcement Officer (CEO) E. Leon screen  
27 the vehicle with his Narcotic Detector Dog (NDD). The NDD alerted to the presence of  
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1 an odor of a controlled substance coming from the vehicle's dashboard. A search of  
2 that area resulted in the discovery of eight packages hidden within the dashboard of the  
3 vehicle. The packages contained a green leafy substance which field-tested positive for  
4 marijuana. The total weight of the packages was 18.32 Kilograms (40.30 pounds).

5 Special Agent's (S/A) Douglas Struckmeyer and Rafael Silva interviewed  
6 AISPURRO and VASQUEZ. S/A Struckmeyer furnished each individual with their  
7 constitutional rights per Miranda in English with S/A Silva present. Each individual  
8 orally waived their rights, as well as signing the written waiver of rights, agreeing to  
9 make a statement.  
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11 VASQUEZ stated that she had no knowledge of the marijuana in the vehicle.  
12 She stated that she went into Mexico in order to accompany AISPURRO to a family  
13 reunion. She stated that she and AISPURRO attended the family reunion and had just  
14 left from the reunion when they entered the line to cross back into the United States.  
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16 AISPURRO stated that both she and VASQUEZ had knowledge of the marijuana  
17 in the vehicle. She stated that they were going to be paid \$1,500 for smuggling the  
18 marijuana into the United States. They were to be paid after successfully delivering the  
19 marijuana to a house in Banning, California. She said that they were instructed to lie  
20 about their purpose for visiting Mexico and that there had not been a family reunion.  
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